

computers communicating with at least one visual display for displaying to an operator of the control unit trading-related information, comprising:

trading control buttons allowing the operator to perform trading operations without the need for [the need for] sliding the control unit over a surface and permitting the operator to maintain substantially constant visual contact with the at least one visual display, substantially without the need for visually focusing on the control unit during the performance of trading operations; and

customizable software enabling the controller to interface with a variety of proprietary trading applications.

7. (Amended) The control unit of Claim 1, further comprising two or more visual displays associated [in electrical communication] with the one or more computers, wherein the control unit includes a transfer mechanism allowing the operator to shift cursor control between the two or more visual displays.

Please add new Claims 15-16, as follows:

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15. The control unit of Claim 1, wherein the one or more computers comprise personal computers.

16. The control unit of Claim 15, wherein the personal computers need not be